

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

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CRM-M-41743-2019 (O & M)
Date of Decision: October 30, 2019

SAHIL MEHRA

....PETITIONER

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB

....RESPONDENT

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. H.S.Dhindsa, Advocate for the petitioner.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG, Punjab.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J (ORAL)

The petitioner is seeking anticipatory bail in FIR No.91, dated 02.09.2019, under Sections 307, 323, 427, 34 IPC and Section 61 of the Punjab Excise Act, 1914 (Sections 353, 186, 332 IPC), registered at Police Station Division No.2, Pathankot.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the allegations in the FIR against the petitioner are that 175 cartons of Indian made foreign liquor were recovered from the cantor in which two people were travelling and both of them were arrested at the spot. It is alleged that the car which was following the cantor was asked to stop and the occupants sped away after hitting the motor-cycle of the police officials. Learned counsel also contends that the petitioner has been arraigned as an accused as he is suspected to be one of the occupants of the car which had fled away. He, however, contends that the petitioner has been falsely implicated and in the MLR of the two police

officials, there is no visible injury and they have been complaining only of pain. The petitioner is not involved in any other case of similar nature. He further contends that the main accused namely Ajit Singh @ Jatt has been granted regular bail by this Court in CRM-M-42730-2019 on 15.10.2019.

This Court, by the order dated 27.09.2019, had directed the petitioner to appear before the Investigating Officer and join the investigation and in the event of his arrest, he was ordered to be released on ad-interim bail to the satisfaction of the Investigating/Arresting Officer, subject to the conditions envisaged under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C.

Learned State counsel, upon instructions from ASI Harpreet Singh, states that the petitioner has joined investigation and is not required for custodial interrogation.

In view of the submissions of learned counsel for the petitioner and the petitioner having joined investigation, the order dated 27.09.2019 granting interim bail to the petitioner is made absolute.

However, the petitioner shall abide by the conditions stipulated under Section 438(2) Cr.P.C. He shall also join investigation as and when called upon to do so.

The petition stands disposed of.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

October 30, 2019

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Whether speaking/ reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No